SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1905. Rain to-day, with increasing northeast winds, becoming high; fair and colder to-morrow.

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ODELL SCHEMES FOR HALPIN.

WOULD MAKE HIM REAL LEADER OF COUNTY COMMITTEE.

The Boss's Plan Is to Make Him Chairman of the Executive Committee and Neal secretary-Mr. Stranahan Is Now Talked Of for the State Chairmanship.

Boss Odell in his scheme to play bushwhacking and guerrilla politics on Representative Parsons, who on December 21 to be elected president of the New York Republican county committee, has had several long talks with William Halpin, the retiring president of the committee, at the Republican Club.

Odell in his efforts to keep his bushwhacking and guerrilla methods quiet has attempted to make these talks with Halpin ones. Yesterday the facts came out about these meetings when a number of county leaders positively asserted that they had been approached for the purpose of securing their support to elect Halpin chairman of the executive committee of

the county committee. The convention, which is to assemble on December 21, is to elect Representative Parsons president, and after that, according the Odell-Halpin scheme divulged yesterday by the leaders, the thirty-five Assemly district leaders are to be asked to elect Halpin chairman of the executive com-

Under this scheme Representative Parsons as president of the county committee would be but a figurehead, for the reason that the chairman of the executive committee is the powerful head of the county committee. Halpin has held under Odell the place of both president of the county committee and chairman of the executive committee, and now Boss Odell, while compelled to accept Representative Parsons as president of the county committee, is determined if possible to offset the effect of Mr. Parsons's election by jamming in Halpin as chairman of the executive com-

Furthermore, the Odell-Halpin scheme to elect Ambrose O. Neal, leader of the Thirtieth district, as secretary of the county committee was pushed forward another step yesterday by the Odell-Halpin cabal.

ine of the Assembly district leaders said, speaking of Neal: "He is Odell's candidate and Halpin's candidate for secretary. Neal is too close to the old gang. Parsons must select his staff with the utnost care, and the more competent it is the easier will be his task. No man who is backed by the Odell-Halpin district One leaders for secretary should have the place. He should be under obligation to none who are to revive and tone the party spirit. Neal would be the Odell-Halpin skeleton the committee.

that he had a talk with Mr. Neal. Neither transpired between them, but Representative Parsons's friends said last night that Mr. Parsons could not see his way to stand for Mr. Neal as secretary of the county

and State offices will be informed that they | Mr. Torrey said: owe no allegiance to any Republican except to Mr. Parsons as president of the Governor of the State of New York.

Representative Parsons said, concerning the Speakership matter: "I regard Assemblyman Wainwright of Westchester very highly, but it is a mistake to say that I delegation from this county has not yet from coast to coast." decided upon any candidate for the Speakerthip. I understand that the delegation had meeting in this city a few days ago, and discussed the matter of the Speakership but came to no decision.

Another meeting is to be held in this city next week, when, I understand, the memhers of the delegation hope to reach some understanding among themselves. I have been told that one thing which the delegation have made up their minds upon is that the Assemblymen from this county will insist upon greater recognition in the matter of chairmanships of important committees than this county has ever had before."

Boss Odeil, it was positively learned was very greatly interested in the reception given last night at the Gilsey House to William R. Hearst by the Republican Assemblymen who were elected below the Bronx line with the indorsement of Mr. Hearst's Municipal Ownership League. Boss Odell's adherants and Mr. Hearst's followers stated very candidly that if the former can elect his man Speaker of the Assembly with the aid of Mr. Hearst's Municipal Ownership Assemblymen, the Odell Speaker is to send an investigating committee of Assemblymen to New York city for the purpose of getting after Charles F. Murphy and other leading Tammany

Boss Odell and Mr. Hearst, it was added do not care a rap for the fact that the Stevens investigating committee last spring examined Mr. Murphy as to his alleged connection with New York city contracts and that Mr. Murphy at that time testified that he had no connection direct or remote

with any contracts whatever. Quite a number of New York State Republicans came over from Washington last hight and discussed the probable successor of Odell as chairman of the Republican State committee. According to these Republicans Timothy L. Woodruff of Brooklyn is hotfoot for the place. Mr. Woodruff's friends went on to say that as a matter of fact he controls at this time just exactly one-seventh of the Republican State organization, and that it would be a very casy matter for him to secure aid from

up-State districts. On the other hand these New York State Republicans, fresh from Washington, let it out that there was a quiet but effective movement going on to make Nevada N. Stranahan, now Collector of the Port, the next Republican State chairman. The general opinion, though, was that if Mr. Stranahan became chairman of the State committee it would be necessary for him to resign as Collector of the Port, for the reason that Republicans all over the State

DEWEY'S PURE GRAPE JUICE. T. T. Dewey & Sons Co., 138 Fulton St., New York.

expressed the greatest disapprobation when Boss Odell, Governor of the State, by the ise of patronage, compelled his election as chairman of the State committee.

Boss Odell's friends at the time attempted to justify his act by giving it out that Samuel J. Tilden was both a Democratic Governor and chairman of the Democratic State committee. The files of the New York Tribune and the records of the Democratic State committee proved this state. ment to be of the usual Odell variety for the reason that on the very day Mr. Tilden was nominated for Governor by the Democratic State convention he resigned as chairman of the Democratic State com-

JURY FINDS CAHILL GUILTY.

Ex-Assemblyman Is Convicted of Perjury in Connection With Illegal Registrations.

Former Assemblyman Joseph J. Cahill of Brooklyn was convicted in the Kings County Court last night of perjury on one of the three indictments found against him in connection with election frauds. The case was given to the jury at 5:50 o'clock and the verdict was announced at 9 o'clock. Cahill believed that he would be acquitted and when the foreman announced the verdict the prisoner almost fainted. Borough President Martin W. Littleton, counsel for Cahill, moved to have the verdict set aside on the ground that it was against the weight of evidence, but Judge Crane denied the motion. Judge Crane then committed Cahill to Raymond Street Jail until Monday, when sentence will be pronounced. Luke O'Reilly, who was associated with Mr. Littleton in the defence,

"We will make a motion on Monday for a stay of execution until we have an opportunity of appealing from the verdict. constitutional rights of this man were invaded by the methods employed in securing his affidavits by the deputies under State Superintendent of Elections George Morgan. We will carry this case to the highest court. If such test imony will convict no man is safe."

Attorney General Mayer was greatly pleased with the verdict and said that Cahill had had a fair and impartial trial and had

been ably defended by Mr. Littleton. Cahill's perjury was committed in connection with illegal registration, when he swore falsely that he lived at 413 Henry street and that Bernard McKenna and John White also lived there. McKenna and both pleaded guilty and testified

BALTIC HAS A STORMY TRIP. Wave Woke the Passengers Evangelists Here.

The big White Star liner Baltic had nothbut Parsons and the eminent Republicans ing but weather on the voyage from Liver- His knowledge of English is slight. pool and Queenstown which she completed here yesterday. At midnight on Sunday she rose on a monster sea which went from Representative Parsons came over from under her with such suddenness that she Washington yesterday, and it was learned | dropped into the trough with a bumpthat awakened many of the passengers and Mr. Parsons nor Mr. Neal cared to say what brought some of them out of their staterooms to see if anything serious had happened. The ship went on her course unconcernedly and the scared folks went back to bed again.

The Rev. Robert A. Torrev, the evangelist, Representative Parsons's friends were and his assistant, Charles M. Alexander, told of the movement inaugurated by the singer, who have been holding revival Boss Odell to make Halpin chairman of services in Australia and England for the the executive committee of the county last three years, were passengers on the Dominick Parr, workmen employed on to the sidewalk. The shock was too much committee, and this brought out the in- Baltic. There were also some professional Lavelle's houses, found the body of a man for even a New York Mayor, and he went formation that after Mr. Parsons is elected gamblers aboard, whose industry was sup- among the lumber piles and mortar boxes. all to pieces. The head, severed from the president of the county committee the pressed by the ship's captain before the He was on his knees before a pile of lumber district leaders holding Federal offices evangelists got a chance at them. The Rev. and he had been shot from above, exactly

tralia and England. In London alone we that of Dr. Matheson. county committee and to Cov. Higgins as gathered in 17,000 souls. Our revivals are emotions. That is why we have converted the workmen, had not been lighted. When Hall of Records. more men than women. I have not the gift to appeal to the emotions alone. It seems have come out openly and advocated his to me that the conditions in America are the watchman at once. Nevertheless, election as Speaker. I can say that the ripe for a revival that will sweep the country

NOTHING DOING, SAYS SHAW.

No Relief for Money Market Until Other WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. - After coming from the meeting of the Cabinet this morning Secretary Shaw said that no steps would be taken by the Government to-day to relieve the stringent money situation in New York.

"All rumors are off," said the Secretary facetiously to the reporters around the White House offices, but beyond that and the statement that nothing would be done to-day Mr. Shaw declined to be quoted.

In the opinion of Secretary Shaw, the condition has not arisen in which the Government would be justified in increasing its deposits in national banks, for he believes that the speculative market, chiefly, has been affected. If other than the speculative stocks should be adversely affected, and if the so-called legitimate businesses should suffer severely from the tight money conditions. Secretary Shaw would promptly order that a round sum, probably not less than \$20,000,000 of Federal money, be de-

posited in National banks. The Secretary receives frequent advices from New York, but he believes he has not found cause to change his opinion that to extend Government aid at this time would be to aid speculation.

GERMANS SEIZED BRAZILIANS. Now Stated That Gunboat Didn't Land

Troops to Get a Deserter. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 8.-The German gunboat Panther has arrived at Rio Grande do Sul. This is the vessel that landed sailors at Santa Catarina without the permission of the Brazilian Government and seized an alleged deserter, which action caused the newspapers here to protest

vigorously.

It is now stated that the man captured, whose name is Steinhoff, was not a de-serter from the vessel, but had left Germany serter from the vessel, but had left dermany to escape military service. It is alleged that the sailors who landed also made a prisoner of a naturalized Brazilian named Zimmerman, who is the son of a German. The Government is sending a naval squadron south, but is awaiting an official report from Santa Catarina before formally

Amerika Takes Big Eastbound Crowd. The new Hamburg-American liner Amer-

ika, which sails to-day for Plymouth, Cherbourg and Hamburg, will carry what is probably the largest number of voyagers that ever crossed the sea to the east in December. There will be 350 in the first, 200 in the second, 125 in the third cabin

NEW EXPRESS TO BALTIMORE AND leaves New York 5:55 P. M. dally via Pennsylvania Raliroad, with dining car, parior cars and coaches. Returning leaves Washington 3:00 P. M.—Adv.

SHOT IN CROWN OF HIS HEAD.

POLICE THINK DR. MATHESON HAD ROW WITH WATCHMAN.

Fatal End to Final Spree Preparatory to Marriage Sweetheart's Unlucky Loan-Italian Woke Employer at 3 A. M., Talked of Shooting and Vanished.

Dr. John Matheson, a convivial and well liked physician of The Bronx, dropped into

a saloon on Fulton avenue last week. "Here goes for my last big bust," he said. "I'm going to get married just before Christmas and cut it all out-" And they had a drink all around on the doctor. Being examining physician of two or three lodges and a member of nearly every Scotch society in Greater New York, Dr. Matheson found plenty of people to shove the jag along. By the middle of this week he was near the end of his money and of

his capacity. The doctor really was engaged. He was going to marry Miss Mary Dickson, a teacher, of 2508 Belmont avenue. On Thursday night he called on her. He was sober, to her eyes at least. They walked to Zeltner's Casino, where he had one drink, and walked back. At the gate he owned that he was broke and borrowed a dollar from her. She was not feeting well, so, after she had invited him in, she fell asleep on the sofa. He kissed her without waking her and left about midnight.

That dollar seems to have laid the foundation for a renewal of the jag. At 2 o'clock Matheson was in the company of Harry Cronan and Jim Moran, conductors on the elevated railway. They knew him well; everybody in that part of The Bronx knew him; it was "Hello, Doc!" with half the

population. Then, at 3 o'clock, he staggered into a group of motormen who were drinking in the rear room of a saloon which closes only its front door at 1. He lurched among them and balanced against a table while he declared that he was broke, dead broke, and if any one would give him a drink he'd do the same some time. He got the drink, A waiter escorted him to the door, for he was making too much noise, and he staggered down 174th street. He was in the blind, wavering stage of intoxica-

At 175th street and Fulton avenue J. H. Lavelle is putting up three frame houses. Because the neighbors have a way of stealing lumber he has employed a watchman since the work began. Antonio Callare, 21 years old, an Italian, has been holding down the job of late. Callare is a quiet, matter of fact person, who never made any trouble and was highly satisfactory.

At about 4 o'clock yesterday morning Cailare pounded at Mr. Lavelle's door, him. The contractor stuck his waking head out of the window and wanted to know what was the matter.

"Plenty trouble 'round the house," said "Plenty shoot!" "Why didn't you get a policeman?" asked

Lavelle, half awake. "Shoot the gun," said the Italian. "Why don't you get a policeman? A cop?" said Lavelle. "You understand cop?"

Callare said a few words to himself and

Detective Keeling was called from the Tremont avenue station he suspected the fact that there was not a cent on the had been robbed. Later in the day the Detective Bureau ascertained that Dr. Matheson was flat broke and had begged a drink at 3 A. M. It was then that the police sent out a general alarm for Callare. Little | the fall. is known of him, not even his residence. His brother Giovanni lives at 2391 Arthur

of .32 calibre cartridges. The theory of the police is that Dr. Matheson entered the premises and started some kind of a row and that Callare, being green and zealous, shot him. The wound was A Dr. McLeod, who is Dr. Matheson's nearest of kin in this country, called at

a .32 calibre bullet. In Lavelle's barn,

certainly made from behind and above. the police station yesterday with Miss Dickson. They could give very little light. Dr. Matheson was a native of Canada. He had a good practice and was prosperous, but spent his money as soon as he made it.

There was nothing, however, to make him commit suicide, and, besides, a man would have to be an acrobat to hit the spot where the bullet entered Dr. Matheson's skull.

SHERIFF HAS O'ROURKE'S CAFE.

Executions Are Also Against Ex-Surrogate Noble of Queens County.

The café and restaurant which Eugene O'Rourke, the actor, opened at 67 and 69 West Forty-fourth street, opposite the Hippodrome, is in the hands of the Sheriff under two executions for \$1,038 in favor of Sarah Rafel and others for rent. The executions are also against former Surrogate Daniel Noble of Queens county and John D. Creamer, a Brooklyn politician,

who, it is said, guaranteed the rent.

A week ago O'Rourke advertised that the partnership existing between him and Creamer had been dissolved and that he had sold out his interest to the Brooklyn man. The Sheriff will sell the fixings of the cafe and restaurant on Wednesday. A petition in bankruptcy was filed against O'Rourke yesterday by several persons who sold him supplies for his restaurant. They allege that he is insolvent and that as transferred to Creamer and other creditors money and property.

W. Bourke Cockran was formally elected Grand Sachem of the Tammany Society last night to succeed Justice O'Gorman who resigned the office two or three months

HOLIDAY TOUR TO WASHINGTON. Leaves New York December 28th via Pennsylvania Railroad. Two days at the National Capital. Rate, \$12.00 or \$11.50, according to hotel selected. covers all necessary expenses. Consult Ticket Agent or C. Studds, E. P. A., 263 Fifth Ave. New York and C.

URGE STRASBOURGER FOR BENCH. Some Republicans Would Like to See Him Take Barrett's Place.

Influential Republicans announced last night that on December 15 Supreme Court Justice George C. Barrett of New York city is to resign, and a movement was immediately started to urge Gov. Higgins to appoint to Justice Barrett's place Samuel Strasbourger, Republican leader of the Thirty-first Assembly district. Mr. Stras bourger is at present a Tax Commissioner, having been appointed to that place by

Mayor McClellan. It is almost certain, it was said, that Mayor McClellan is not to reappoint Mr. Strasbourger, and it is because of this knowledge that Mr. Strasbourger's friends started in early in the effort to have Gov. Higgins appoint him to the place Justice Barrett is to give up. Justice Barrett's term expires December 31, 1908, but he has been in feeble health for nearly five years, so much so that he has appeared only at rare intervals on the bench.

Justice Barrett, it was added, will resign in order to take advantage of the referee law which was passed at Albany last winter and which will entitle him to a salary of

\$11,500 a year. This referee law was passed by the Republicans with the understanding at the time that Justice Barrett should resign after election day this year, so that a Republican Governor should have the naming of his successor. Justice Barrett has been on the bench for thirty-five years, most of the time through the influence of Tammany

Very general comment has been made by eminent lawyers for several years that Justice Barrett has for some time been entitled to retire. Last night, when it became known that he intended to resign on December 15 so that he might become a referee at \$11,500 a year, there was comment to the effect that Justice Barrett is entitled to be relieved even from the cares of a refereeship.

GAYNOR TO BE PROMOTED. Gov. Higgins Says He Will Designate Him for the Appellate Division.

ALBANY, Dec. 8 .- Gov. Higgins announced to-day that he would redesignate Supreme Court Justices Patterson and Ingraham as members of the Appellate Division, First Department, for terms of five years from December 31 next, the date of the expiration of their present designations. Both Justices other routine work. are Democrats. The Governor said he would also designate Supreme Court Justice Gaynor of Brooklyn as a member of the Appellate Division, Second Department, the place of Justice Willard Bartlett, who was named by the Governor vesterday armed and severely thrashed. as an Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals. The Governor has designated Supreme Court Justice Cochrane as a mem-

HEWITT STATUE FALLS.

Granite Figure of the Ex-Mayor Tumbles From the Hall of Records.

Ex-Mayor Abram S. Hewitt, done in Maine granite, four tons of it, was being hoisted to his place on the south cornice of the Hall of Records, when the hoisting When daylight broke Clein Graves and cable paried and he descended, feet first,

The accident happened a little before 3 on the crown of the head, at the point where o'clock yesterday. The noise made by the "We made 102,000 conversions in Aus- the whorl of the hair starts. The body was snapping of the cable and the crash of the heavy statue drew a large crowd. The statue The watchman had skipped. The fire was the last of the row of New York's former different from others in the respect that we under the boilers of the stationary engine. Governors and Mayors to be hoisted into street and Third avenue. Then the winappeal to the reason more than to the which he was supposed to have ready for place on the Chambers street side of the

On either side of the pedestal reserved for Mr. Hewitt Philip Hone and George

Clinton were already placed. When the cable broke the strain proved body led to the theory that the dead man too much for the poles, and they toppled over, carrying away a small section of the stone balcony on the cornice. The police had closed the street while the work was | ran out of spikes. going on, and no one was endangered by

The Hewitt statue was the work of Philip Martiny. It was executed by the John | man throw something from a moving avenue. There they have a great ignorance Peirce Company. They estimate the loss about Antonio. The wound was made by at about \$1,500.

where Callare often slept, was found a box | MORE YELLOW JACK AT HAVANA. 48 Cases to Date and 14 Deaths - Cubar Boy Died Yesterday

Special Cable Despatch to THE SU HAVANA, Dec. 8 .- Since the outbreak of vellow fever here there have been forty eight cases, fourteen of which proved fatal. A Cuban boy, 7 years old, died of

the disease to-day. The explanation given for the spread of the scourge is that the Cubans are only relatively immune from the ravages of the fever. The sanitary authorities regard as absurd the idea that the disease was

conveyed to New Orleans from Havana. WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 .- The yellow fever situation in Havana is growing more serious Mr. Sleeper, the Charge d'Affaires of the American Legation at Havana, has reported to the State Department that on December 5 nine suspicious cases of yellow fever were found, one of which was con-

On December 6 twelve suspected cases appeared, of which four have been conirmed. There was but one suspected case

SENATOR PLATT'S PLANS.

Will Be Here Tuesday to Remain During the Helidays - Then to Hot Springs.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Senator Platt will leave Washington for New York on Tuesday to remain until after the holidays. Then he will go to Hot Springs, Va., to see, as he expressed it, "if he couldn't thaw out his legs." The Senator looks well and his friends say he is stronger and better than he was before he made his Western trip Senator Platt had another conference with President Roosevelt last night in regard to New York political affairs. They disto New York political affairs. They discussed Robert C. Morris's candidacy for the District Attorneyship of the Southern judicial district of New York and the outcome did not cause Mr. Platt to lose hope that Mr. Morris will ultimately be appointed The President has decided, however, not to fill the place until the middle of January.

on her way to Milwaukee, was robbed of \$2,300 to-day while waiting for a train. The money was in \$100 bills in a chamois bag about her neck. Mrs. Montgleyon was damaged by water. One Night to Chicago mable to tell when or where the money was Mrs. Montgleyon is said to be a woman of prominence in New York.

Insist upon having Burnett's Vanilla.-Ade.

New York Woman Loses \$2,300 in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8. -Mrs. M. F. Montglevon.

RUSSIA YIELDS TO STRIKERS.

GIVES IN PARTIALLY TO POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH EMPLOYEES.

The Mails Are Moving Again, With More Help Offered Than Is Needed-Titled Women Deliver Letters in Autos and Carriages Strikers Wreck Two Cars.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. St. Petersburg, Dec. 8.-The report that the Government had partially surrendered to the telegraph and postal strikers confirmed to the extent that it has pubished rules providing for the payment of compensation in case of employees beoming disabled in the performance of their duty, and for the payment of pensions

to their widows in case of death. The Government has also consented to cancel dismissals for forming the union. It was the Government's refusal to allow the formation of a union that brought the strike to a head. The postal employees, who have been without their salaries for five weeks, are starving and have been threatened with eviction from their homes. They are now returning to work on the strength of the concessions made to them. Telegraphic communication, however, cannot be restored for a long time, as the offices are still undermanned and many of the wires have been cut.

The authorities announce that the strike is ending. All the railways except one are copting mail matter. There has been such a rush of volunteers to help that the post office has had to refuse the services

of hundreds of persons. It is stated that a number of Prussian postmen have applied for employment, professing that they are able to read Russian addresses, although they are ignorant of the language. Meanwhile the strikers declare their determination not to yield.

The attempt of the aristocrats to aid the Government in carrying on the postal service in the fashionable quarter continues. A number of titled and other high born women are assisting, under the leadership of the Duchess of Louchtenburg.

Her coadjutors include Baroness Freederics, wife of the well known Minister of the Imperial House, Princess Ourussoff and Princess Troubetzkoi. They drive to the central post office in private carriages and automobiles and assist in the sorting and

The strikers on Wednesday stopped two of the automobiles, compelled the occupants | the practice of his profession at Lakewood. to alight, and then wrecked the cars. of the drivers aimed a revolver at the foremost strikers. He was immediately dis-

distributed leaflets urging the workers to withdraw their deposits from the savings ber of the Appellate Division, Third Depart- | banks. The effect, if they comply, may ment, in the place of Justice Chase, who gres be calculated from the fact that there are to the Court of Appeals. The designation | more than 5,000,000 depositors, while the of Justice Cochrane is to take effect on | cash deposits amount to 943,000,000 rubles in addition to deposits of securities to the amount of 215,000,000 rubles.

The Bourse was firmer to-day. Four per cent. b ands were quoted at 77.

WINDOW SMASHER ON ELEVATED. Flung Iron Fence Spikes From Train at

Stores -Did \$1,000 Damage. broken last night by iron missiles thrown | a side track. The engine, tender and bag-

from a southgoing Third avenue elevated gage car left the rails and turned turtle. train. The missile that broke each window was the upper end of an iron fence spike, The first window smashed was a furrier's at 2258 Third avenue. The next was in

Wallach Bros.' furnishing store at 122d dow of a cutlery store at 2051 Third avenue was broken, followed by another at 2048 Third avenue. The window of the Joseph Fay Baking Company at 2033 Third avenue had a hole put through it by a spike, as did a show

window at 1954 Third avenue. This was the last window broken so far as the police learned. Probably the window breaker William Ballou, a real estate dealer of 171 Broadway, was standing in front of Wallach Bros.' window when he saw a southbound train. A moment later the spike went through the window. James

Stern, a window cleaner in Wallach's, also saw the missile thrown from the train. About \$1,000 worth of glass was smashed by the spike thrower. The police of the East 104th and the East 126th street stations are considering the case.

EX-SENATOR'S COTTON DEAL. Brokers Sue McLaurin for \$600-Say He

Sold 300 Bales Short. Deputy Sheriff Burnes has received an attachment for \$600 against ex-Senator John L. McLaurin of Bennettsville, S. C., in favor of Miller & Co., cotton brokers of this city and Washington, D. C., growing out of a short sale of 300 bales of cotton on

December 4. It was said that the order was given at the Washington office of the firm and executed at the Cotton Exchange, this city the 300 bales for March delivery being sold at 12 cents per pound. On December 6, it was alleged, Mr. McLaurin repudiated the sale and Miller & Co. thereupon bought in the cotton at 12.37 cents per pound. The Sheriff served the attachment on Crutchfield & Co., 41 Wall street, but it was said that Mr. McLaurin withdrew his balance there several days ago.

REAMS OF WATER SOAKED PAPER. Duane Street Fire Causes \$45,000 Damage

Damage estimated by Chief Croker at \$45,000 was done through a fire which broke out at 9:50 c'clock last night on the top floor of the five story building at 66 and 68 Duane street. The fire was confined to the floor on which it originated, but proved difficult to extinguish. The firemen were kept working an hour and a quarter, and for quite half this time streams of water were running down through every floor of the building.

The top floor was occupied by the Nationa Manifold Company. Goods in the paper ouse of Richardson, Scheuber & Co., on the fourth floor; the printing establishment of Joseph Froman, on the third, and the paper houses of Walther & Co. and Vernon Bros., on the second and first, were

by The Twentieth Century Limited of the New York Central Lines. Leave New York 3:30 P. M.; arrive Chicago 8:30 next morning. The fastest long-distance ride in the world—994 miles in 18 hours.—Adv.

POPE TO STUDY ROOSEVELT. Orders the President's Messages and

Speeches Put Into Italian. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

ROME, Dec. 8 .- The Pope has asked Cardinal Merry del Val, his Secretary of State, to procure a collection of President Roosevelt's messages and speeches and have them translated into Italian. The Pope wishes to study the President's views in connection with an important papal document concerning social problems which to be issued.

BIG BLAZE IN HOBQKEN. Firemen, Hampered by Low Water Press-

ure, Are Aided by Jersey City Engines. The annex plant of the Keuffel & Esser Company, manufacturers of engineering and engineers' supplies, occupying nearly three-quarters of the block bounded by Adams, Third, Jefferson and Fourth streets, Hoboken, was destroyed by fire last night. W. L. E. Keuffel, secretary of the com-

pany, said the loss was \$100,000. The fire started in one of the Jefferson street buildings and spread rapidly. When Chief Applegate of the Hoboken Fire Department reached the scene he concluded that the greater part of the block would be swept away and sent in a general alarm. He also called upon Jersey City for help and four engines were sent to Hoboken. Chief Applegate said the department was handicapped by a lack of water pressure. The Hackensack Water Company was requested to put on all the force possible and then the firemen made better progress

DR. CATE MISSING AGAIN. Police Hunt for Lakewood Man Who One

Disappeared for Four Months. LAKEWOOD, N. J., Dec. 8 .- Friends of Dr. Henry H. Cate, a physician of this village have asked the New York police to search

for him. He has been missing since last Monday, when he disappeared after leaving the office of Dr. Fox, a dentist, of 105 East Twenty-fourth street. This is the second time that Dr. Cate has disappeared within two years. He was attacked with a sandbag and robbed a short distance from the Hotel Albert in New York in April, 1904. and was found four months afterward in a hotel in Poughkeepsie.

His mind was a blank and he was almost a physical wreck. Good nursing brought him around so that he was able to resume Lakewood physicians familiar with the circumstances of his case believe that Dr. Cate is suffering from a form of insanity due to the sandbag blow he received. This The Council of Workmen's Delegates has according to their theory, caused a disarrangement of the brain cells.

DITCHED THE TRAIN. Switchman Szerifices One Man's Life to Save Many.

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Dec. 8 .- A local train on the Santa Fé, between San Bernardino and Corona was deliberately wrecked here by a towerman to-day to prevent a collision which threatened great loss of life. The Santa Fé train, running at high speed, was approaching the crossing of the Southern Pacific motor line, on which a train was also nearing a crossing. A collision seemed Six show windows in Harlem along the inevitable. The towerman threw a switch line of the Third avenue elevated road were | which sent the flying Santa Fé train down | tempt while the Legislature is not in ses-

caught in the wreck and crushed to death. LUNATIC AT THE WHITE HOUSE. Wanted President to Remove a Hypnotic

Spell Cast Over Him in North Dakota. Washington, Dec. 8.-Hans Aarstad, a Norwegian, 42 years old, called at the White House to-day to have President Roosevelt remove a hypnotic spell which he says has been cast over him by representatives of the Federal Government in North Dakota Aarstad was taken into custody on suspicion of being insane, and was turned over to Sanitary Officer John Frank for an examination. The prisoner says he hails from Millsboro, Traill County, N. D., and that the officials there conspired to get his

money from him. HARMSWORTH MADE A PEER.

Newspaper Proprietor Honored Through

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LONDON, Dec. 8 .- The honors customarily bestowed in accordance with the recommendations of an outgoing Prime Minister are announced. The list contains some remarkable appointments. A majority, how-

ever, are merely of domestic interest. Nine peerages are given, the recipients including Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer; the Hon. Charles T. Ritchie, also an ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Sir Alfred Harmsworth, the well known newspaper proprietor. J. Henniker Heaton, the postal reformer, is made a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

MARY FISHER ORDERED BACK. She'll Have to Stand Trial at Lucerne for

Swindling a Hotel Keeper. Mary Caroline Fisher, who, under the name of Fairholm, arrived on Tuesday aboard the North German Lloyd steamship Neckar from Italy and was detained at Consul for swindling a hotel keeper at Lucerne, was ordered deported yesterday.

Annie Pennington, the young English woman who came with Miss Fisher as her maid will also be sent back. Miss Fisher maid, will also be sent back. Miss Fisher told a few more improbable yarns to the board of special inquiry, which decided that she was a liar of the first order. Miss Fisher will be arrested at Naples and taken

to Lucerne for trial. It is probable that Miss Pennington will be detained as a witness against Miss Fisher and will then be returned to her friends in

CROKER'S NEW AUTO OUT. Fifty Horse-Power Machine Makes First

Run to a Fire. A fire that broke out early last evening on the third floor of the building at 61 Fourth avenue, occupied by Sandford Bell & Lahn, billiard and pool table makers, caused \$25,000 damage and incidentally brought out for the first time Chief Croker's new horse-power automobile.
The fire was quickly under control, but

large crowd gathered to see the Chief's

RYAN TELLS OF PURCHASE

PRICE TWO CENTS.

But He Refuses to Answer **Questions About Threats** by Harriman.

MATTER TO GO TO JEROME.

Witness Advised That He Didn't Have to Repeat Private Conversation.

Committee Will Ask That He Be Either Compelled to Auswer or to Take Punishment Questions Point to Attempt to Sandbag Him Out of Part of His Holding in Equitable by Threats of Legislative Action Ryan a Frank Witness on Every Other Point-Won's Oppose Legislation to Confirm Policyhelders' Right to Elect Majority of Directors - Declares He Bought Stock to Avert a Tremendous Panic.

Thomas F. Ryan, owner of the majority stock of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, testified before the Armstrong investigating committee yesterday that Edward H. Harriman had made an effort to get a part of his holdings in the society. Mr. Ryan refused, upon advice of counsel, to answer a question as to whether Mr. Harriman had threatened that there would be results injurious to his interest

in the event of his being denied participa-

tion in the ownership. He refused also

to say whether Mr. Harriman had intimated

that there might be action by the Legislature or by an officer of the State Government if his wishes were disregarded. Mr. Ryan did testify that he had told Mr. Harriman that he proposed to carry out his original plans in regard to the Equi-

table stock regardless of what he or any one else might do. As a result of Mr. Ryan's refusals to answer, the committee called upon District Attorney Jerome to act. Senator Armstrong, chairman of the committee,

made this announcement at the close of "The committee has determined to direct the secretary to submit a certified copy of Mr. Ryan's testimony to the District Attorney of New York county, with a request that proceedings be instituted by him

reason of the fact that this committee has no summary power to punish for con-District Attorney Jerome went to Lake-

to punish Mr. Ryan for his refusal to testify.

"This course is rendered necessary by

ville, Conn., vesterday noon, and nothing will be done by him until he returns to his office on Monday. A refusal to answer proper questions before a Legislative committee is a misdemeanor, punishable by a maximum

penalty of one year in prison or a fine of \$500, or both. It is defined thus under Section 69 of the Penal Code: A person who, being present before either ouse of the Legislature or any committee thereof authorized to summon witnesses, wilfully refuses to be sworn or affirmed or to answer any material or proper question or to produce upon reasonable notice any materi-

al or proper books, papers or documents in

his possession or under his control is guilty of a misdemeanor. Mr. Jerome will first be called upon to pass on the propriety of the question. Then he may either go before a Magistrate and have the person guilty of the misdemeanor held for Special Sessions, where most cases of that sort are tried, or he may go before the Grand Jury and get an indictment. If the proceedings should take either of these courses Mr. Ryan's attorneys would, of course, be able to apply for a writ of habeas corpus and have the question of the witness's right to refuse to answer passed on

by a Supreme Court Justice. The usual method of procedure were the Legislature in session would be to have the witness summoned before the bar of the Legislature and committed by the sergeantat-arms in the event of his continued re-

NOT OBLIGED TO ANSWER, COUNSEL SAY, It was the contention of Mr. Ryan's counsel that he was not obliged to answer questions in regard to what other persons had said to him in conversation. The resolution of the Legislature under which the committee is holding the inquiry authorizes it to investigate and examine into the govern-ment and control of the life insurance companies, the contractural relations of the companies to their policyholders, the cost of life insurance, the expenses of the companies and "other phases of the life insurpanies and other passes of the life insur-ance business deemed by the committee to be proper." It was said at the District Attor-ney's office yesterday afternoon that the courts have held generally that any question which would tend to enlighten a legislative committee on the subject under investiga-tion is material and proper.

tion is material and proper.
Guthrie, Cravath & Henderson, Mr. Ryan's counsel, made this statement last night: Mr. Ryan's position is a simple one and certainly will not be misunderstood. He was advised by his counsel that the questions which he declined to answer were not material or pertinent to any subject under investigation by the committee, that he was, therefore, and that he ought not to place himself in the position of voluntarily answering questions with respect to what was said to him by another gentleman in the course of private conversations on matters not involved in the investigation. If it is the view of the com-mittee and their counsel that the materiality and propriety of the questions propounded to Mr. Eyan should be tested by submitting the matter to the District Attorney there should be no difficulty in securing a ruling as to whether or not Mr. Byan is compelled

The announcement of Mr. Ryan's purchase of the Hyde Equitable stock was made on June 9 jast. Mr. Ryan testified that Mr.

With increasing knowledge of the danger to health through carelessly prepared food, consumers grow more fastidious in their selection. "Decrioo" means purity, daintiness, cleanliness. Fall River Line; \$2.00 to Boston; Strs. Providence (new) and Plymouth, weekdays and Sundays from Pler 19, N. R., foot Warren St. Orchestral concert afternoon and evening.—Adv.